

**MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL**  
**February 2, 2009**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session on Monday February 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were present:

Present: Heide, Klinker, Cornstuble, Campbell, Brown, Novak, Weast-Williamson, Downing and Meyer

The City Clerk stated that there was a quorum present.

City Clerk Cindy Murray and Deputy City Attorney Jacque Chosnek were present.

Councilman Campbell moved to recess for public hearing on Resolution 2009-04 (A Resolution Confirming the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area-Lafayette Union Railway), Councilman Brown seconded. Councilman Campbell moved to reconvene the regular meeting, Councilman Brown seconded.

Councilwoman Williamson moved to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2009 regular meeting, Councilman Downing seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk stated that there were no Claims, Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated the following reports are available in the City Clerk's Office:

Clerks Office Monthly-December 2008

Water Works Department Monthly-December 2008

Water Pollution Control Department Monthly-December 2008

Motor Vehicle, Fleet Maintenance, Street Department Monthly-December 2008

Police Department Monthly-December 2008

***There are No Ordinances for Second Reading:***

***Ordinances for First Reading:***

The Clerk read Ordinance 2009-01 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana to Rezone Certain Real Estate from CB to PDCC, 522 and 524 Main Street, Sam Simon, Petitioner) by title only on first reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Heide seconded. Sam Simon, petitioner spoke regarding the Ordinance. Ordinance 2009-01 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

***Resolutions:***

The Clerk read Resolution 2009-04 (A Resolution Confirming the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area –Lafayette Union Railway) by title only on first and final reading. Councilwoman Williamson moved for passage, Councilman Downing seconded. Mayor Roswarski spoke in support of the Resolution along with Dana Smith; President of Lafayette Union Railway spoke in support of the Resolution. Resolution 2009-04 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

## Reports of Standing Committees

Councilman Cornstuble, Chairman of the Transportation Committee gave the following report on a meeting regarding renaming streets recently annexed into the city.

A committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 in the BOW room with the following results:

- 1) That 350 S, 475 E and 500 E be treated as one entity and given one designation. Rationale given for treating the three roads as one centered on the fact that they are, essentially, the same road and that it would be better for directions and for emergency vehicles if the three had the same designation. It was suggested that it be called Southeast Parkway or Southeast Blvd.
- 2) That 350 S be designated Bob Whitsel Way. Whitsel, former CEO of Lafayette Life Insurance, had been an important civic leader, and that a section of 350 S had been, at one time, designated as "Whitsel Way".
- 3) That 240 S be named for the Scholer Corporation founder, Walter Scholer. Rationale presented stated that the Scholer Corporation building had been on 240 S for many years and was, in fact, the first building built on 240 S.
- 4) Two letters were read into the record, one recommended naming 350 S after State Representative Sheila Klinker and the other suggestion for 350 S as either Tippecanoe Trail/Trace or Rue Marquis.
- 5) That there were no specific recommendations for CR 10 West, 400 South, 250 S or the cul-de-sac running South of SR 38 just west of the intersection of SR 38 and 350 S.
- 6) The committee was also reminded that a letter was given to the Council at the January City Council meeting asking that a street be named after Martin Luther King Jr.
- 7) There was also a discussion of the Mayor's suggestion to use Veterans Pkwy or Blvd. as a name for 475 E and 500 E.

## Committee's recommendations:

- A) That the issue of naming these streets be taken under advisement and any action be deferred until the March meeting.
- B) That the Council decide whether to treat 350 S, 475 E and 500 E as one road or as two.
- C) That 240 South be designated as Walter Scholer [street, road or drive].
- D) That the cul-de-sac off of SR 38 be presented to the Mayor's Youth Council as a project and that they be given the task of suggesting a name for that street.
- E) That additional input from the community should be sought before final recommendations are made. The weather on January 28 may very well have discouraged citizens with suggestions from attending the Transportation and Parking Standing committee meeting.

Chairperson, Cornstuble stated that due to inclement weather at the first public meeting he felt that attendance was not the best and the committee would continue to receive public comment.

Steve Gloyeske, 3526 Canterbury Drive, Employee of Walter Scholer was in full support of naming the area by Wea-Ton after Walter Scholer.

Perry Barbee 1714 Union Street spoke regarding the street names and supported Martin Luther King Drive for a potential name.

There were no Reports of Special Committee

Report by the Mayor: Mayor Roswarski announced there will be two Department Head Updates at each Council Meeting. Departmental Updates tonight were WPCD and Waterworks Depts.

Brad Talley, Superintendent, and Water Pollution Control, gave the following Department Head update.

The Utility Energy Efficiency Program was complete in late 2008. This project included the slip lining of the Elliott Ditch Sewer, rehabilitation of the 9<sup>th</sup> & Beck lift station and elimination of the Sterling Heights

lift station. During this project, the team was able to identify alternate methods of construction that allowed the City to allocate funds to address the slip lining of the Creasy Lane sewer which had been a problem area for a number of years. Manhole rehabilitation completed with this project will eliminate the inflow of groundwater into the collection system creating more capacity for the sanitary flow.

The State Judicial Agreement with IDEM regarding the CSO Long Term Control Plan is scheduled to be finalized in September 2009. The City conducted a public meeting in regards to this in November 2008 and is currently looking at finalizing the river characterization and financial capability analysis. The final alternative selections are close to being complete.

The department is finalizing the wastewater treatment plant optimization that began in August 2007.

After making changes in the process of the plant, one year worth of data has been collected to determine the impact. At this time the plant has reduced electrical consumption by 20 to 25%, decreased the natural gas consumption, decreased the amount of biosolids to be land applied and increased the capacity of the treatment plant. A final report should be complete by March.

The tunnel machine is nearing the half way point and is currently at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Columbia Street. The team is currently evaluating options for value engineering that may allow for a better project and make an extension of the tunnel to Cincinnati Street possible. Work has begun at the Ferry Street junction chamber where we will install a 72" inverted siphon to allow the tunnel machine to mine through that intersection in route to the Parking Lot lift station.

The department continues its public outreach education with various tours and classroom presentations. Participation in the operations challenge and certification training will continue in 2009 as well.

Kerry Smith, Water Works gave the following departmental update:

The Lafayette Water Works experiences an average of 60 broken water mains during the months of October through March in any given six month period. This season, from October 1, 2008 to present, we have already had 46 broken water mains. The constant fluctuation in temperature we've been experiencing this winter is to blame. When the temperature fluctuates so does the ground, and this slight movement is enough to break water mains. If the temperature remains relatively constant, ground movement slows or stops and the number of broken mains decreases dramatically.

Our worst break of this season was on S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. by the Lafayette Country Club. An 8" water main burst and undermined the street, which once repairs were made to the main, had to be replaced from the center line to the east curb and about 28 feet long. Luckily this happened just two days before the asphalt plants closed for the winter, and we were able to make repairs to street with a permanent patch instead of cold patch. I'd like to thank Dan Crowell and the street department for their quick action and assistance. In the months of December, '08 and January of '09, we experienced over one hundred frozen water services.

In 2008 Phase II of our Well Head Protection Plan was submitted to IDEM and approved.

On January 8<sup>th</sup> of this year we had an IDEM field inspection of our facilities and had no infractions. In fact, our IDEM field rep informed us that he uses the Lafayette Water Works facilities as a standard for his inspections throughout the state. This is something that I am very proud of.

In 2009 we will be replacing water mains on N. 8<sup>th</sup> St. between Cincinnati and Union Streets, and in the Roosevelt/Elk neighborhood.

Also in 2009 we will be installing on-site generation of sodium hypochlorite at our Glick facility which will replace our gaseous chlorine there. Once this happens, we will be totally free of all gaseous chlorine and the hazards associated with it.

In the fall of 2008 we began replacing large, obsolete meters with a new technology called the OMNI meter. These meters replace meters with dozens of moving parts, have only one moving part making them virtually maintenance free, are considerably cheaper, and are more accurate under low flow conditions, which is what most of our usages are. This is definitely a win/win situation.

I'd like to close by saying that all Water Works employees deserve a great deal of thanks and praise for dealing with our day to day operations under some very challenging conditions. From our construction crews, repairing broken mains, to our operations and maintenance people for keeping the water flowing in sub-zero temperatures, to our customer service staff for getting meters read and performing service work for our customers under some very grueling weather conditions. I thank them all.

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#### Reports of Councilman:

Councilwoman Williamson moved to appoint Jackie Mize to the Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association Board. Councilman Brown seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: Pearl Speakman, 923 So. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street spoke regarding the loss of businesses in the community.

Odessa Onyegbula, spoke regarding her treatment in the Tippecanoe County jail.

Perry Barbee 1714 Union Street complimented our citizens for their quick response to the most recent heavy snow.

Terry Masterson, 1115 Central St. commented on helping property owners that are struggling financially.

Mr. Masterson also presented the Clerk with a Records request regarding the Trolley Tax.

Walt Foster, 3000 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Other Pub owner, commented on the Smoking Ordinance and would like it amended.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Campbell moved to adjourn, Councilman Cornstuble seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes prepared by Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Complete audio of meeting available in the City Clerks office or at [www.lafayette.in.gov](http://www.lafayette.in.gov)